Prices of Promethazine and Chlorpromazine

1638. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has decontrolled the prices of Promethazine and Chlorpromazine;

(b) if so, when and what are the names of other drugs exempted from price control on the same ground;

(c) what were the prices fixed for each of these drugs and its formulations before price decontrol and what is their present price and percentage change in each case;

(d) on what basis all these drugs have price decontrolled;

(e) whether the production of Promethazine and Chlorpromazine is based on penultimate;

(f) if so, the names of the penultimates;

(g) whether it is a fact that the producer is importing these penultimates from their principals;

(h) whether it is also a fact that the producer is contravening the condition of Industrial Licence by import of these penultimates; and

(i) if so, what are the details of conditions in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Out of the 2 drugs referred in the Question, only Chlorpromazine was excluded from price control on the basis of recommendations contained in the Supplementary Report of Kelkar Committee. Promethazine continues to be a price controlled drug.

(b) and (d) Chlorpromazine has been excluded from price control on 18.1.1989 as a drug falling under the group of Psychotherapeutic/Traquillizer drugs. The names of other drugs exempted on the same ground from price control are as under;

Amitryptyline, Diazepam, Fluroazepam, Impramine, Lorazepam, Nitrozepam, Oxazepam, Prochlorporazine, Trifluperazine, Tiflupromazine.

(c) The above referred drugs which are now excluded from price control were also under decontrol category of DPCO, 1979. The details of prices fixed under DPCO, 1987 and the current prices being charged by manufacturers are not readily available.

(e) and (f) Production of these drugs is not monitored by this Ministry. However, one unit has reported production of Promethazine from imported intermediate namely:

1—Dimethyl—amino— 2— Chlorpropane.

(g) to (i) As per the licence conditions, manufacture is to be based on the corresponding amino alchohol.

Recovery under Para 7(2) of DPCO, 1979

1639. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has discontinued the process of recovery under Para 7(2) of DPCO, 1979 in December, 1985;

(b) if so, on whose instance;

(c) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry informed the Parliament that process of recovery in respect to Ampicillin, Metranidazole, Dipyradamol, Dexycycline, Trimethoprim; Sulphamethoxazole and Flucinolone Actonide is on in accordance with due procedure of law;